

Keys to Success Government and Private Sector ERA





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Keys to Success ERA Program Management Strategy





- Partner with other agencies and with industry
- Maximize Government and Commercial Off-the-Shelf components
- Build in fully-funded usable increments
- Performance-based contracting methods
- Proactive Planning Risk Management



Reserve Slides





How far have we come? How far do we have to go?



- ➤ 1970: first accession of electronic records in the National Archives
- > 1998: Electronic Records Archives project initiated
- ≥ 2001: ERA System development initiated
- > 2004: Target for award of contract for development
- ≥ 2007: Target for initial deployment

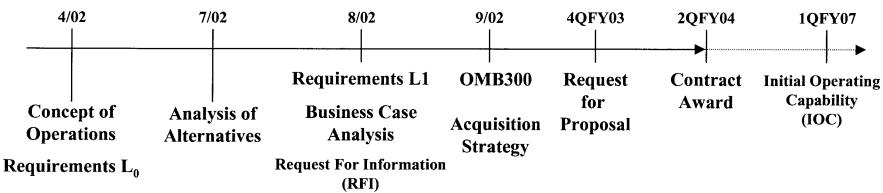


ERA Timeline 2001 - 2002 (Present)





- Continue Research & Development
- Key Integrated Product Teams (IPTs) Chartered
- Key Program documents finalized
- Continued staffing of the Project Management Office (PMO)





What will the system do?



- Support the collection, integration, and sharing of information about records.
- > Support the workflow associated with business processes.
- Interface with other systems.
- > Maintain a complete audit trail.
- Accommodate substantial growth in volume & variety.
- ➤ Protect the system and the records with state-of-the-art security.
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What will the system do for NARA's customers?



- > Process electronic records of all types, formats, and media.
- ➤ Manage unscheduled, permanent, and temporary electronic records.
- Maintain relationships among records.
- > Store records reliably.
- ➤ Make electronic records independent of specific hardware and software.
- > Manage records according to their sensitivity.



What will the system do for NARA's customers?



- > Provide access in NARA facilities and from other locations.
- > Provide for registration of system users.
- > Provide user interfaces appropriate to the skill level and research interests of users.
- > Provide tutorials, training, help screens, and other state-of-theart user assistance.
- > Enable NARA staff to respond to user comments and requests.



What will the system do for Originators?



- > Implement record schedule functionality.
- > Support appraisal of electronic records.
- > Support disposition of electronic records.
- > Support transfer of electronic records to NARA.
- > Provide for accessioning of electronic records.
- Provide for review and redaction of sensitive information by authorized personnel.



What will the system do for Record Users?



- > Find records based on searches of descriptions of records.
- > Search the electronic records themselves.
- > Accurately reproduce and output electronic records.
- > Provide certified copies of electronic records.
- > Manage requests for review of restricted materials.
- > Implement the results of electronic records reviews.
- ➤ Enable users to request and receive assistance from NARA staff.



Electronic and Special Media Records Services Division



- > Accessions permanent electronic records
- > Preserves electronic records
- > Provides access to electronic records





> Transfer Standards (36 CFR 1228.270)

- → 9-track open reel tapes
- → 3480 cartridges
- **→** CD-ROMS
- →FTP & DLT New!





> Transfer Standards (36 CFR 1228.270)

- → Transfer of custody to the National Archives
- → Documentation for data files
- Other finding aids necessary to use the records





> Transfer Standards (36 CFR 1228.270)

- → Independent of specific hardware and software
- → No compressed data
- **→** ASCII or EBCDIC
- Text files in ASCII or SGML
- → Digital spatial data according to FIPS Standard 173-1





- ➤ Initial accessioning (ingest) steps
- → Make master and backup copy using APS LAN
- Compare byte-count to agency media
- Create tapemap and dump of data
- **→** Catalog metadata





- Archival Preservation System (APS) Local Area Network
- **→** Secure Log-in
- Evaluate blank tapes for errors
- **→** Capture file sizes, formats, storage location in catalog
- Cardkey access to computer room
- **→** Virus detection





- Archival Electronic Records Inspection and Control System (AERIC)
- **→** Oracle application
- Compares data to documentation
- → Verifies that the data matches the scheduled system





> Storage of tapes

- **→** Cardkey access
- **→** Environmental controls
- → Location logged in APS catalog



Preserves Electronic Records



- > Continuous preservation
- → Records copied to new media every 10 years
- → Byte comparison and catalog entry verified
- → Annual random sampling of holdings